Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said class matching information and static field identifiers matching information are lookup tables.

3. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said class matching information and static field identifiers matching information is omitted when said objects are not to be modified.

4. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, comprising an implementation of procedures for updating application data after the new application release has been installed.

5. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said computer device is a chip card.

6. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said programming language is a "Java® Card" language.

7. **(Currently Amended)** Method for loading into a computer device, an updated release of an earlier application written in a programming language using objects, having earlier application classes and earlier static field identifiers, said updated release having updated application release classes, and updated static field identifiers, said earlier application having stored persistent data in the form of objects of said earlier classes or in

<u>static fields identified by said earlier static field identifiers,</u> said method comprising the steps of:

computing, in a first computing operation prior to said loading, a class matching information establishing a correspondence between said earlier application release classes and said updated application release classes;

computing, in a second computing operation prior to said loading, a second static field identifiers matching information establishing a correspondence between said earlier application release static field identifiers and said updated application release static field identifiers;

linking said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information to said updated application release as loaded into the computer device; and

using said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information to ~~modify the~~ <u>modify said</u> objects to point at the updated application release classes and use the updated application release static field identifiers.

8. **(Previously Presented)** Method according to Claim 7, wherein said class matching information and said static field identifiers matching information are omitted when no additional class is added to said new application release or when newly introduced additional classes do not change said class hierarchy.